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SUBJECT: VAZQUEZ CARRIZOSA COMMENTS ON APRIL 17 MEETING

REF: A) BOGOTA 1845 AND B) BOGOTA 2158

FOR ARA ASST SEC KUBISCH FROM AMBASSADOR

1. SUMMARY. DURING MY BRIEF COURTESY CALL ON VAZQUEZ CARRIZOSA MARCH 21, HE AGAIN COMPLAINED ABOUT THE WAY THE TLATELOLCO COMMUNIQUE WAS DRAFTED (SEE REFTEL A), SAID ANY COMMUNIQUE COVERING THE WASHINGTON MEETING HAD TO BE CONCRETE AND SUGGESTED THAT CONSULTATION ABOUT A COMMUNIQUE TAKE PLACE EARLY. HE LABELLED THE TRADE AREA AS CRUCIAL AND SAID SOMETHING CONCRETE SHOULD BE SAID ABOUT THIS SUBJECT IN ANY COMMUNIQUE. SOMETHING ALSO HAD TO BE SAID ABOUT RESTRUCTURING THE IA SYSTEM. HE SUGGESTED HE AND I TALK ABOUT THE WASHINGTON MEETING IN MORE DETAIL LATER AS IDEAS JELL. ARE THERE ANY SPECIFIC POINTS OR REQUESTS YOU WOULD WANT ME TO PASS ON TO VAZQUEZ BEFORE HE DEPARTS FOR THE US? I WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY GUIDANCE YOU MAY BE ABLE TO GIVE ME ON THE MEETING IN GENERAL AND ON OUR THINKING ABOUT A COMMUNIQUE IN PARTICULAR END SUMMARY.

2. DURING MY COURTESY CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER

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MARCH 21, HE BROUGHT UP THE APRIL MEETING IN

WASHINGTON LEADING INTO IT BY BRINGING UP THE TLATELOLCO COMMUNIQUE. STILL BROODING ABOUT (AND CLEARLY RANKLED BY) THAT COMMUNIQUE AND ITS DRAFTING PROCESS (SEE REFTTEL A), VAZQUEZ SAID: A) THE TLATELOLCO COMMUNIQUE DID NOT EXPRESS THE SPIRIT OF THE MEXICO MEETING: LEFT OUT MANY IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS BY THE SECRETARY AND WAS SO DRY AS TO GIVE THE PUBLIC AT LARGE A MISLEADING IMPRESSION; B) ANY COMMUNIQUE COVERING THE WASHINGTON MEETING HAD TO DEMONSTRATE CONCRETE ADVANCES IN THE "NEW DIALOGUE" AND C) IT WOULD SEEM DESIRABLE TO HIM TO BEGIN TO DISCUSS THE COMMUNIQUE EARLY, PERHAPS EVEN BEFORE THE SESSIONS STARTED, RATHER THAN WAIT TO HAMMER OUT SOMETHING AT THE LAST MEETING UNDER DEPARTURE DEADLINES.

3. VAZQUEZ SAID HE CONSIDERED THE AREA OF TRADE AS CRUCIAL. WHILE IT WOULD BE UNREALISTIC TO SUPPOSE THAT AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED IN WASHINGTON ON A FULL BLUEPRINT OF HOW TO HANDLE ECONOMIC ISSUES AND TRADE CONCERNS, SOME TANGIBLE THINGS COULD BE ANNOUNCED, IF ONLY IDENTIFYING SPECIFIC THINGS TO BE EXAMINED ETC "INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC EMERGENCIES", AND ANNOUNCING THE CHANNEL BY WHICH IT WOULD BE DONE. EVIDENCE OF SOME CONTINUING PROGRESS WAS ALL THE MORE NECESSARY FROM COLOMBIA'S POINT OF VIEW BECAUSE OF CUT FLOWERS. IF NOTHING TANGIBLE BEGINS TO EMERGE: PEOPLE WILL BE TEMPTED TO BELIEVE THAT THE US MOUTHS NICE WORDS, BUT AS SOON AS SECRETARY KISSINGER LEAVES LATIN AMERICA AND FOCUSES ON OTHER AREAS WE GO BACK TO OLD PRACTICES AND POLICIES.

4. VAZQUEZ REFERRED TO HIS MARCH 11 MEMO ON THE WASHINGTON MEETING (REPORTED REFTTEL B), REPEATED SOME OF THE POINTS, AND STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE AGAIN OF TOPIC FIVE OF THE BOGOTA PROGRAM (THE STRUCTURE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE AND THE MONETARY SYSTEM). SOMETHING HAD TO BE DONE IN THIS AREA IN WASHINGTON. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE CONFIDENTIAL

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BELIEVED THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE IA SYSTEM IS A TOPIC THE MEETING COULD NOT DUCK, AND SAID HE HAD SOME ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS ON THIS HE WAS PUTTING IN A MEMO, WHICH HE WOULD PROVIDE US.

5. VAZQUEZ SAID THAT WE SHOULD TALK ABOUT THIS AGAIN PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR THE US WHEN OUR AND HIS IDEAS HAVE JELLED MORE. ASSUMING

THAT I WILL PRESENT MY CREDENTIALS IN ABOUT
A WEEK'S TIME, I WOULD EXPECT TO HAVE A
SUBSTANTIVE MEETING WITH THE MINISTER SHORTLY
THEREAFTER. I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY
GUIDANCE YOU MAY BE ABLE TO GIVE ME ON THE
POINTS THE MINISTER HAS RAISED, AND WHETHER
THERE IS ANY PARTICULAR POINT OR REQUEST YOU
WISH TO MAKE TO HIM.
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